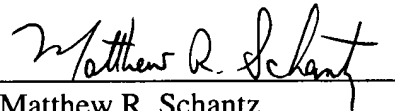


## Remarks

In the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, claims 2-15 and 34 were allowed, and allowable subject matter was indicated to be present in claims 18-26. In this Amendment, Applicants amend the claims to bring the application into condition for allowance, including cancelling claims 16, 17, and 27-33, and amending claims 18 and 21 so that they appear in independent form.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request prompt action by the Office to that end. If any questions or issues remain, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile using the information just below.

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